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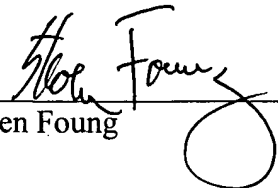
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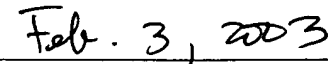
STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.808 (a) and (b)

I Steven Fount submit that deposits with the American Type Culture Collection (10801 University Blvd., Manassas, VA 20110-2209), including mouse/human hybridoma cell lines expressing antibodies CBH-2 (ATCC no. PTA-4465), CBH-4B (ATCC no. PTA-4466), CBH-4D (ATCC no. PTA-4467), CBH-4G (ATCC no. PTA-4468), CBH-5 (ATCC no. PTA-4469), CBH-7 (ATCC no. PTA 4470), CBH-8C (ATCC no. PTA-4471), CBH-11 (ATCC no. PTA-4472) and CBH-17 (ATCC no. PTA-4473). Access to these deposits (CBH-2 (ATCC no. PTA-4465), CBH-4B (ATCC no. PTA-4466), CBH-4D (ATCC no. PTA-4467; CBH-4G (ATCC no. PTA-4468); CBH-5(ATCC no. PTA-4469); CBH-7 (ATCC no. PTA 4470); CBH-8 (ATCC no. PTA-4471); CBH-11 (ATCC no. PTA-4472)and CBH-17(ATCC no. PTA-4473)) will be available during pendency of the patent application to one determined by the Commissioner to be entitled thereto under 37 C.F.R. § 1.14 and 35 U.S.C. 122. I further assure that subject to

paragraph (b) of 37 C.F.R. § 1.808, all restrictions imposed by the depositor on the availability to the public of the deposited material will be irrevocably removed upon granting of the patent.



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